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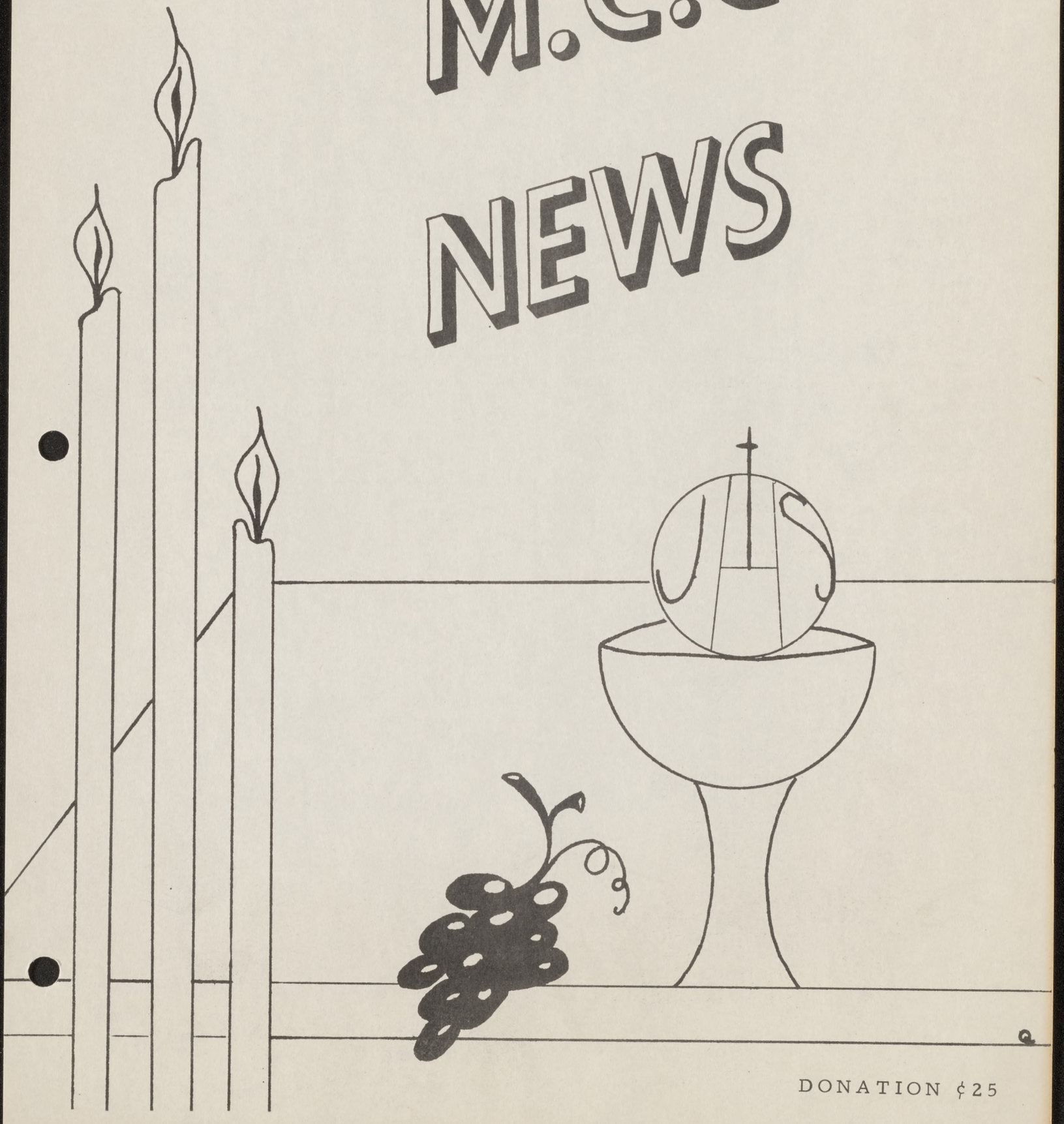

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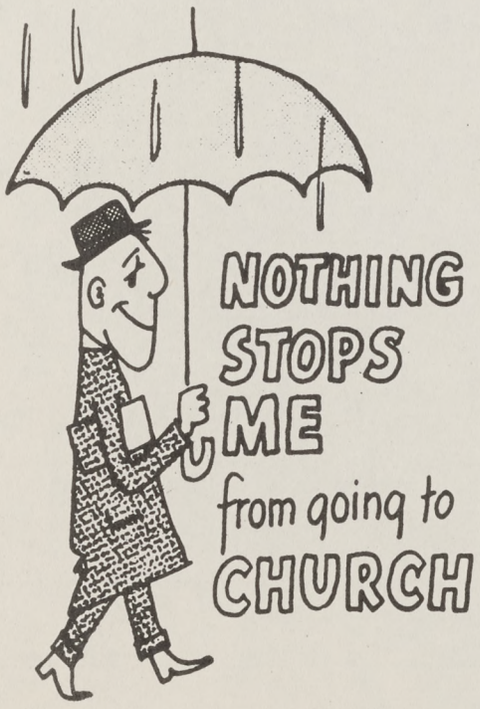

Peace with God

READ ROMANS 5:1-11

Bible Thought: ***"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"*** **(Romans 5:1).**

THE MOMENT for her spirit to depart this life had come —and she knew it. As each of her children entered the room to stand with her beloved and faithful husband, there were flashes of memories that swept through each of their minds. She was a woman of extreme strength, strength which she had found in her Lord. Her children grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren could see even at the hour of parting her certainty of God's love, both now and hereafter.

Always those around her had known her patient endurance as she and her husband raised a family of five children, facing the trials of so many pioneer families in Central Texas. Her children remembered that she never raised her voice as a form of discipline or embarrassed them in front of friends.

This woman's mature character in her Lord produced that steady hope that did not disappoint her in this time of departure. She seemed to have an extra strength as she smiled looking into the eyes of each one present. Those who loved her knew that as her own eyes slowly closed she knew she had found peace with God in death as in life. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me."

Hymn: "In Heavenly Love Abiding."

Lord, help us to develop patient endurance, mature character and a hope that will not disappoint us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

—GLENDA RAVANELLI

THANKS

I have received leters and phone calls from some of the wonderful people in our congregation praising the newsletter. I would like to thank the staff for the job that they have done and the time that they have spent in preparing the copy etc. Our MCC News is a combined effort of many wonderful people. They are the ones that deserve the credit for their devotion. Most of the staff come in and work after they have given a full days work to their regular jobs. Some are like so many these days, out of work and come in, in between job hunting to type, do art work, write and other jobs. We always need articles of interest about your groups' happenings, so please help us to do a good job for you. That's what it is, for you!

Thank you and God Bless you to the staff of the MCC News from a very grateful Editor and a grateful congregation.

Connie

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

by Kevin McCain

Back from Hawaii and into the swing of his busy schedule, Rev. Perry has returned with as much enthusiasm as ever. Tanned and smiling, he began bright and early on June 2nd, answering a mammoth stack of mail, and seeing many of our brothers and sisters.

Since his return, he has been interviewed by Newsweek Magazine for a forthcoming featured article on Homosexuality. In addition to that, he was interviewed last Friday by KHJ-FM radio.

He has been devoting every spare ounce of energy to the "Long March" to Sacramento and has been seeing that every detail of the event will come off as planned. The final permits have been secured for the San Francisco Rally, Union Square on June 19th. The Committee for Sexual Law Reform, of which Rev. Perry is Chairman, encourages each and every one of you to be active and to participate. It will only be as effective as we all make it.

On to a different note, the Church telephones are now a lot busier these days due to the fact that all incoming calls, except for the Crisis Intervention Line, come in through the main office number. Please note that the former Personal Services telephone number which was 748-7176 has been disconnected and they now receive all of their calls through the main number which is 748-0123. For a crisis situation only, 748-1904 is still the number to phone.

Before closing - a BIG welcome home to Jerry Perry who is home from the Army on a short leave. Mrs. Perry will try to spend as many days home as possible cooking Jerry's favorite things. She certainly deserves a few days off, -- Don't you think?

List Your Job Openings With MCC

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Your Church has such great needs and so little cash. We need the help of the Membership to perform work that would otherwise have to be handled by outside contractors. Did you take your vows of membership seriously when you joined the Church? If you did, we need you. If you're out of work and can't support us with your regular tithings this might be a convenient way for you to continue your support.

We have only one person to clean the Church on Saturday so it will be an immaculate representation of the habits of our people to non-members, or persons who are visiting us for the first time. It's not glamorous work -- bathrooms need cleaning, floors need vacuuming. (We even have to ask you to bring your own vacuum.)

The date is Saturday -- every Saturday! If you bring a pail to hold hot water and a heavy duty scrub brush you could help scrub the bird droppings off the exterior. Or bring a broom, a dustpan and a paper bag to sweep the sidewalk and curb free of cigarette butts.

If you bring a can of scouring powder and a sponge you could help us get the sinks and toilet bowls scoured. Be resourceful! Even though we need your help we don't always have enough supplies for everyone who wants to work, so if you come prepared you won't have to wait for someone to lead you by the hand.

- Al Correa

SAN JOSE MISSION

A petition signed by fourteen persons was presented to the San Francisco Church requesting status as a Mission on Sunday, June 6, 1971. The work there is being spearheaded by two enthusiastic residents of San Jose who attend San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church. They are Mr. Cup and Mr. Chapman. This list of interested people indicates that the work is getting off to a good start.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. . .COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO THE STATE OF THE CHURCH--From the desk of Rev. John H. Hose, Assistant Pastor and Business Manager

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With the full cooperation of our Treasurer, Pat Vestal, we believe that we have now been able to institute a system of accountability to the Congregation and the Board of Directors. On the opposite page, you will find a BUDGET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT. On this report, you have statistics for the last current month past, followed by a summary for the entire year.

The departmental records, and the budgeted amounts have been arrived at--after some careful consideration based on our experience; since we acquired the Church properties. We believe that this is an understandable form, and it will let you know exactly where your funds are going, and how they are being used.

Just a few words of explanation. Under the column-heading STATUS, we show whether or not expenditures for the period are over or under budget. If under budget, it will show positive figures. If over budget, it will show negative figures ($21.75), etc.

We want you--the Congregation--to know that it is our avowed purpose to act in the best interest of the Congregation as custodian for your funds. We have arrived at this budget after careful consideration. Every effort is being made to hold all expenses to the bare minimum necessary to provide full service to the church and its constituency.

Naturally, we are concerned with the debt reduction on the outstanding bills which exceeded our expectations on refurbishing the building. As you know, any and all improvements have come to a halt until such time as we reduce this indebtedness. Your cooperation has been good during the past month, and this financial statement does not show the condition of this indebtedness (the $7000); since the May Festival proceeds and settlement will be reflected in the June financial statement.

If you have any questions regarding the financial statement and/or the business management of your church, please feel free to contact Rev. Hose, who is available in the church offices Tues., Weds., and Thurs. of each week between 9:30 and 4:30.

We ask your cooperation and indulgence. Some of you have already realized that we do not have public telephone conveniences; but we want you to know we're working on the installation of such services on the church premises. Also, it is important for you to know that your pastors and staff members stand ready at all times to be of meaningful service to you.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT - MCC, LOS ANGELES - MAY 1971 (8th month of Fiscal year)

DEPARTMENT	MONTH'S BUDGET	EXPEND-ITURES	STATUS	BUDGET YEAR TO DATE	EXPENDITURE	STATUS
Salaries, Honor.	$1,550.00	$1,507.50	$ 42.50	$11,000.00	$10,784.50	$215.50
Bldg. Debt	958.10	958.10	-------	4,067.20	4,133.45	(66.25)
Maintenance Supply	50.00	18.00	32.00	400.00	159.90	240.10
Utilities	225.00	767.41	(542.41)	1,800.00	2,595.51	(795.51)+
Insurance	71.00	---------	71.00	568.00	849.00	(281.00)
Music & Communications	60.00	121.28	(61.28)	480.00	845.30	(365.30)
Christian Education	50.00	45.15	4.85	400.00	253.86	146.14)
Univ. Fellowship (5%)	278.17	---------	278.17	2,165.27	1,887.10	278.17*
Office Supply & Post.	250.00	225.09	24.91	2,000.00	1,949.29	50.71
Church Services	100.00	51.97	48.03	800.00	1,481.76	(681.76)
Benevolences (5%)	528.17**	490.00	38.17	2,103.17	1,426.31	676.86
Travel & Misc.	100.00	341.44	(241.44)	800.00	797.92	2.08
Publications	100.00	36.60	63.40	800.00	731.01	68.99
Contingency	100.00	---------	100.00	700.00	----------	700.00
Designations: Deacons	---------	18.00	(18.00)	532.40	532.40	-------
Seminary	---------			60.00	60.00	-------
Advertising	100.00	210.82	(110.82)	800.00	898.38	(98.38)
TOTALS	$4,520.44	$4,791.36	(270.92)	$29,476.04	$29,385.69	$ 90.35

+ Includes refundable deposits of $245.00
* Due, but not paid in May - lack of fluid funds - will be paid in June
** Includes $250.00 special contribution from Fr. Mark Harding to pay Ron Carnes, Denver Mission

See separate report on reduction of Special Bldg. Equipment & Refurbishing debt fund. Gross Income May: $6854.58. Paid on special debt reduction: $1,360.01. Income from publications - $691.33.

GOOD NEWS FROM ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER

The MCC Thursday night Alcoholics Together group had their first A. T. meeting in the church social hall on June 3, 1971.

The group was treated to a special showing of the play "Who's Afraid of 2069" put on by the Spree Players. The group had a short business meeting and agreed to meet next week to elect officers and to choose a steering committee.

Coffee, cookies and punch was served until 10:30 for those present.

The number of people attending the meeting and the enthusiastic support they showed clearly indicates that the members of A. T. really want to share their experiences with others. We know that the only way we can help one another is by sharing our common problems and helping each other. Our way of life and the plan we use to attain spiritual growth is not only interesting, but more important, anyone can use the principles of our program to over come their problems and grow spiritually. There is room in the social hall for anyone who is interested and anyone who is interested is welcome.

If you are a homosexual and happen to have a drinking problem, you can trade what you have for a rewarding way of life that many of us have found in the A. T. group and in the fellowship of Alcoholics Annonymous.

- Lester D.

A PURPOSE

Spring has a purpose,
A double-starred plan;
New soil for a flower,
Fresh hope for a man.
Spring has a purpose,
And God drew the chart –
Fresh green for the garden,
New trust for the heart.

– Georgette Weiser, in *The Herald*

FREEDOM

Freedom, how do you get it? If you are part of a minority, it is sometimes very hard. Freedom, however, must be worked for, no matter what your circumstances are. No one hands anyone anything on a silver platter in this day and age.

Demonstrations can earn you freedom, but they can also result in anarchy, a state of complete lawlessness. There can not be freedom in a state of lawlessness either. A peaceful, completely non-violent show of numbers can prove to the existing government that the laws need to be changed.

A violent demonstration only proves that that particular group does not need and should not have more freedom. In fact, it only helps to make the laws more stringent. It simply moves the government away from giving that particular group more freedom to taking away what little freedom they had in the beginning.

This seems to be the age of demonstrations. Many are now saying that the Blacks would not have gotten anywhere without violence. But have they really gotten anywhere lately, except, maybe, jail. The laws that were changed were changed because of their peaceful, completely non-violent demonstrations of a few years back. Back then, the only violence was committed by the local law-enforcement agencies and it is these same agencies that have lost out in the long run. Lost out because the laws were changed and the Blacks did get more freedom.

Also telling the truth in actions as well as in words is important. To have freedom, you first must have justice. You certainly can not get justice by lieing. You can not say you are a passivist, but carry a club, or a brick, or a stone. You can not be a passivist about war and yet be violent against the police. Your very actions then brand you as a lier and shows the whole world that you do not really want justice. After all, since you can not trust the justice of a lier, so why give that lier justice. And, of course, without justice, there can be no freedom.

You want liberty, justice and freedom for all? Then earn it. STAND UP AND BE COUNTED! Show your numbers, show your voting power, but don't show the world that you are a lier. PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH! Only the truthful believe in true justice and earn their freedom.

- Pat Rardin

JOBS AVAILABLE

Here are some of the jobs that are available this week. If you are out of work or have a friend who needs work, please call us.

Male secretary, type 60-70 wpm, some shorthand.

Gas Station Attendant,$2.25 per hour.

Legal and medical secretaries.

Office boy - Mail room boy.

Picture Framer.

Medical and Psychiatric attendants, all shifts.

Ships Captain with mariners license, at $1,000 per month.

For more information, call Bill Thorne, 748-0123, 9:30-11:30 AM. If you are a good worker, can do gardening or carpentry, we have part time jobs available. Call us and let us help vou.

Single Needle Sewing Machine Operators (Several) $2.25/hour. Needed immediately.

On Sunday, June 6, 1971, Elder Richar A. Ploen presented the former Oakland Mission with their Charter, admitting them into the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Communnity Churches as:

EASTBAY METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Their Pastor is Deacon Jim Sandmire and the Associate Pastor is Deacon Bob Grace. The Choir is directed by Bob Grace. The Chartering service was performed in their Community Center which was formerly a beauty shop. The congregation has been working for 2 months, painting, scrubbing and cleaning. Each member had to buy their own chair -- subsequently they had to furnish another chair! And then bring someone to fill it! About 55 persons attended.

Al Correa

Paul Mariah, a victim of our primitive laws will be reading his own poetry on Tuesday evening, June 22, 1971 at 8 PM in Plummer Park in the Small Auditorium.

For further information, please call the Society of David at 389-2852. There is a donation of one dollar.

Gary Hundermark,
President of the
Society of David

List Your Job Openings With MCC

Rope

Metropolitan Players

Tickets go on sale next week for the Metropolitan Players production of "ROPE" to be presented in our "Little Theater" Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th. Be sure and save enough for tickets for this exciting play. Donation will be three dollars per person. You are sure to enjoy our Metropolitan Players version of "ROPE".

An excellent cast is busily rehearsing to insure a first rate performance. Who do you think is a member of the cast? None other than our beloved Mrs. Perry. She is playing Mrs. Debenham, so you just can't afford to miss this.

Dale Holland who was voted KING for '71, at our May Festival has a very "campy part" as Kenneth Raglan. Geno Vazina is excellent as Rupert, and Dan Terrell and Henri Villeg are the two lovers who do murder for thrills. Joan Lewis is a very mad girl friend of the boys and our ever livin' Herb Franklin rounds out the cast as Sabot, a servant. Don't be misled.This is not a wild romp but a truly serious and intelligent play. Alfred Hitchcock directed the movie version with John Dahl and Farley Granger as the boys and would you believe, Jimmie Stewart as Rupert?

Incidentally, if anyone has a sword cane they would loan us for the play, the Metropolitan Players would be exceedingly grateful.Call LYLE PAGE at 886-7896.

REV. HOSE LEADS GROUP TO SACRAMENTO

by Al Correa

Our busy Assistant Pastor met me on Wednesday at 9:00 PM (after conducting his regular Seminary Classes at the Church) to outline plans for the chartered bus contingent he will be leading to Sacramento to join the March on the State Capitol.

Here are the specifics:

Departure date:	Thursday, June 24th
Time:	8:00 PM, Sharp
Point of departure:	2201 So. Union Ave. - Los Angeles
Clothes:	Casual
Accommodations:	Sleep on bus going up.
Food:	Bring some cash for breakfast and lunch.
Return:	On Friday June 25th, immediately after the demonstration.
Fare:	$13.50, Payable on or before Sunday June 20th.
Reservations:	Call Kevin McCain at the Church office: 748-0123

Important: We might require more than one bus as some MCC - San Diego members are coming up, so PLEASE make your reservations and pay your $13.50 as early as possible.

This promises to be an exciting, purposeful weekend of commitment which many of us are eagerly looking forward to! This alternative provides the chance to participate in a vitally important show of our unity and numeric strength. Elected officials will respect only for the sort of massive potential Bloc - Vote we wish to represent!

Take one day of your vacation on Friday, June 25th so you can ride up with us Thursday night! See you on the bus!

SAN DIEGO RETREAT

JULY 9 - 11

The first retreat of MCC San Diego is still being planned by Deacon Gus Gonzalez and Richard Manning, under the guiding eyes of Rev. John Hose and Deacon Howard Williams.

This event is scheduled to take place on the weekend of July 9, 10, & 11, starting Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. The place is Mt. Palomar -- with rooming arrangemnts being a la dormitory style with bunk beds being set up by the group. The church has already paid $100.00 to make sure the facilities are ours for the weekend.

The cost to an individual, which includes both room and board, is $20.00 per person (there are no special 'family rates'). A very rough and tentative schedule of events is given below. But now is the time to get an application and to pay at least $10.00 of the $20.00 due. See Deacon Howard Williams or Bill Puryear for your application now. MCC San Diego is committed to this event, so now it is your turn to commit yourself.

FRIDAY: pm--Registration and assignment of quarters.
7:30--Dinner
8:30--Brief worship period (Rev. John Hose conducting this service)
9:00--General Meeting in which the rules, purpose and outline of the retreat will be given.
--Encounter groups

SATURDAY: --Sunrise swin
--Morning watch and personal meditation period.
8:30--Breakfast
9:30--Group meeting with the following areas being covered:
Spiritual Life-Al Ewing
Publications-John Wild Jr.
Social-Alan Davis
Stewardship-Richard Manning
Services-Mary Cluck
Education-Deacon Williams
Membership-Alan Stageberg
Legal-Alan Smith
Missionary-Deacon Markham
Building-Deacon Gonzalez
Finance-Deacon Cunningham
Music-Kenneth Herman
Outreach-Rev. John Hose
Youth Group=Bud Berk
12:00--Lunch
1:30--Group meeting (contunied)
3:00--Recreation
6:30--Dinner
7:30--Recreation including a dance, group singing and campfire, and movie

SUNDAY: --Sunrise swim
--Morning watch and personal meditation
--Breakfast
10:00--Report of Group Meeting
11:00--Lunch
---Return to San Diego

As can be seen by the schedule, there are a lot of activities planned, with mainly discussion groups regarding the various aspects of each area of operation within the church. Although not firmed up as yet, most discussions will be formed around how each aspect can be improved to reach more people and to get more people involved in the church.

All interested persons are urged to take part in this Retreat. For information and application forms, see Rev. Hose or one of the Seminary Students.

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YOUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Don't forget, next Saturday, June 19, at 11 AM we have our 1st beach party of the season at Will Rodgers State Beach. Look for the church banner over near the tennis courts. Bring your own lunch, and beach gear. If you prefer you can buy lunches or hot dogs and hamburgers at stands there. Let's hope that the weather is fine, and remember the LAPD Vice Squad is overactive out there, too.

Circle the dates July 31 and August 1 on your social calendar right now. That's when we have our first country Fair, a new type social blast for us. We want all organizations affiliated with MCC to plan now for booths, and entertainment. So fire up your clubs, activities, and special bailiwicks to get a lot of action for this important venture.

Booths will have games, arts, and crafts, gourmet cooking, and the sweetest kisses for sale. The Fair runs just two days. We hope to block off the street here and use that for the fair. There will be dancing and frolicking. So turn out your art work, your crafts, your culinary prowess, your talents at entertainment, your painting, sulpting, knitting, needlepoint, tatting, and whatever for your booth. The money we raise will go to pay off the church's indebtness. Let's have each Parish, discussion group, service, and social club represented.But plan now. It's almost here.

About that question as to why not have the coffee hour before church? We don't have any available space. But we're looking. The social hall is used for classes before church, so there just hasn't been any place to do the coffee hour deal. But we're looking and working on it. Any ideas? Anyone?

The Sunday brunch program is great, but a hassle. We've had only one a month so far. And we want to to go to one every other week as soon as possible. But it takes at least a dozen hale and hearty hands to serve it. So far we've had only six. And by the time it's over they're all wiped out. So if you want to have the brunch program continue and expand, then volunteer to work. Sign up as a waiter, a disher-upper, a cook, a bottle washer, a cleanup guy or gal. Who knows you might get to goose the cook. So please call the church office, and leave your name and phone number so that we can get back to you, and get you to help us out. We want to do this, but we need more working bodies. How about you?

If you want to help and expand other areas of the social fun and frolic program please get in touch with me, personally, or leave your name and phone number at the office during the week, and I'll get back to you.

I know you like what we're doing, because we have a lot of people bringing cookies and cakes to the coffee hour following church every Sunday. Coffee hour is right after church Sunday, drop down into the basement social hall. But, please use the side basement door. Bring the cookies and cakes down first. We'll see that everything is taken care of. Your donations really help make fellowship truly meaningful and a happening on the social committees program here at MCC. Again our sincerest thanks. And bless you all,

Bill Bennett

"The goverment gave me a medal for killing many men, and a dishonorable discharge for Loving one."

Plans are well underway for an event titled "A GAY HAPPENING - AND THE STAR IS YOU!", to be staged Sunday, June 20th, from 10 a.m. to dusk at the picnic area of the Greek Theater (North end of Vermont).

The "Gay Happening" will be the first event of eight days of Los Angeles area Gay Pride Week activities. The Gay Fellowship is the sponsoring group for the "Happening." The L.A. Gay Liberation Front, and the Gay Community Alliance are cooperating to bring off the event.

The "Gay Happening" will combine popular features of past love-ins, gay-ins and pleasure fairs. There will be the now traditional kissing booth, and a do-it-yourself body painting area. Also planned are old fashioned picnic games, such as tug-o-war contests and novelty races. A few new events are also in the works.

The sub-title for the event, "...and the Star is You!", is meant to encourage all persons to come prepared to take an active part in making the event a success: to dress in their funkiest clothing; to bring food, incense and other goodies to share with strangers; and to make and bring items such as kites and banners, to add color to the day.

Gay poets, folk singers and instrumentalists; gay artisans; and astrologers, tarot card readers, palm readers, magicians, and warlocks and witches will be on hand to do their thing.

Persons with such talents and interests who want to participate are urged to contact Gay Fellowship personnel immediately: call 663-0244, or 665-1545 evenings between six and ten p.m.

sources of additional information:
Jerry Shawhan (845-5479, anytime)
Dick Nash (665-1545, eves. 7 to 10)
Jamie Dibbins (620-4055 workdays -
663-0244 after 6 p.m.
weekdays, and weekends)

WINGS OVER JORDAN OVERJOYED!

Last Sunday, June 6, we were treated to one of the greatest musical programs ever heard here, or in any church, or anywhere else, when the world famous WINGS OVER JORDAN CHOIR made the building rock with their soaring hymns.

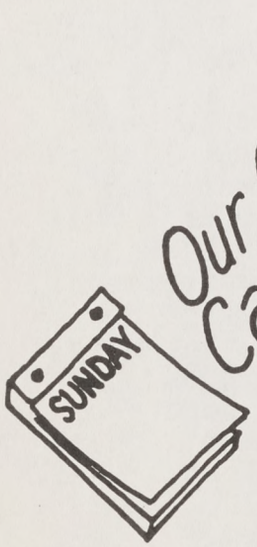
It was moving to see Reverend Perry, our pastor, beam with pride that our church was nearly filled in this great gesture of fellowship. In his closing prayer, Rev. Perry asked us to pray for those doubters in our congregation.

Maybe we should recall and renew our faith in MCC. It is a movement rekindling the original spark of Christianity, like those first Christians we take the lonely, the weakened, and the downtrodden and help them. There just has to be a place for everyone with an attitude of wanting to help in the true Christian spirit of reaching out to his brother. So do park your doubts, and your discouragement, and your criticisms or complaints before you come into the church. If you hang onto them you'll never grow with the church and its positive programs. How do I know? Well, I used to complain a lot myself. Then I jumped into the swim of things. And Wow! Join us in really constructive work. A lot of people have. From 12 to nearly 1000 in less than three years is truly fantastic growth. Now let's grow in our capacity to work, help, and enjoy ourselves. When you hear someone criticize the church or its programs, ask that person what he's done for himself lately, and through the church how has he helped. Remember that he who is without sin may cast the first stone.

Bless you,

Bill Bennett

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Church Blgd)
TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page (886-7896)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
	7:30 P.M.	METROPOLITAN PLAYERS REHEARSAL Home of Lyle Page(886-7896)
	8:00 P.M.	BEACH PARISH WILL HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING AT THE HOME OF DEACON SCHMOLL AT 927 9TH ST, MANHATTAN BEACH, CALL 376-8024 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.
THURSDAY, JUNE 17TH	7:00 P.M.	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA In Church Parlor
	7:00 P.M.	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Church Social Hall
FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH	7:00 P.M.	SAMARITAN BIBLE SEMINARY
	7:30 P.M.	YOUTH GROUP MEETING (THE KOOL-AIDS)
	7-30 P.M.	LONG BEACH PARISH SOCIAL Horseback Riding and BBQ $3.50 Circle Bar Riding Club 5543 E. Imperial Hwy, So. Gate, CA for info (9 AM to 6 PM) 566-8506
SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH	10:00 A.M.	CHURCH CLEANING
SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH	9:00 A.M.	COMMUNION SERVICE
	9:30 A.M.	**THE ACADEMY**
	9:30 A.M.	**COMMUNICANTS CLASS - Church Parlor**
	10:30 A.M.	**SINGSPERATION**
	10:30 A.M.	**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**
	10:45 A.M.	**SUNDAY SCHOOL (Seminary Class Room) Teacher: Steve Jordan**
	11:00 A.M.	**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**
	1:30 P.M.	**SOCIAL BRUNCH, Social Hall**
	1:30 P.M.	**BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING**
	2:00 P.M.	**METROPOLITAN PLAYERS BAR B-Q**
	7:00 P.M.	**EVENING SERVICE**



Our Church Calendar

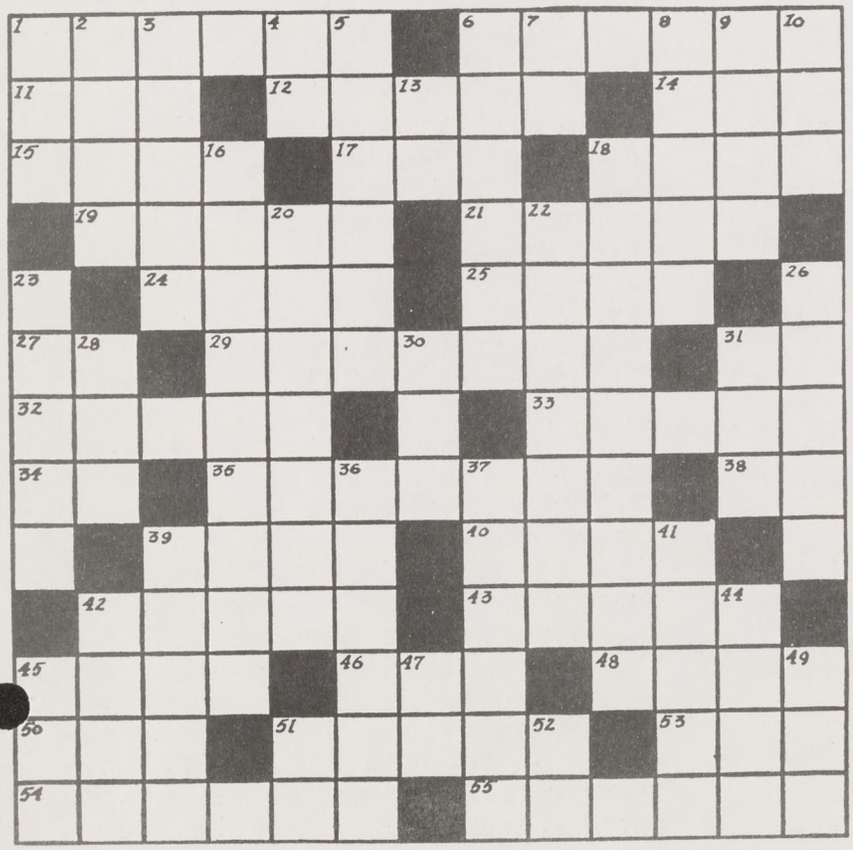
Number 5

HORIZONTAL — No. 5

1 A queen who was deposed
6 Son of Jeroboam. (I Kings 14 : 1)
11 Famous mountain near Troy
12 Last
14 Son of Hur. (Ex. 31 : 2)
15 Naomi asked to be called by this name
17 A king of Judah who had diseased feet
18 Esau; and the land called Seir
19 Son of Japheth
21 Tested. (James 1 : 12)
24 Rabbit
25 Town in Arabia, on the Persian Gulf
27 The soul (Egyptian)
29 Go wrong
31 Pronoun
32 Pale
33 Son of Shemaiah; a descendant of David. (I Chr. 3 : 22)
34 Unless before
35 One of an ancient Semitic people dwelling East of the Dead Sea
38 Parent
39 One time
40 Shatter
42 Fillet
43 League
45 The part of the body which, in Bible times, was clothed
46 Town in Edom, near Mt. Seir; a stopping place of the Israelites
48 Kingdom in southeastern Asia
50 Town near Joppa, built by Elpaal's sons
51 Trees of Palestine, yield perfume
53 Man whose tribe returned among the first from Babylon to Jerusalem. (Neh. 7 : 47)
54 Related, on the father's side
55 Rise

VERTICAL — No. 5

1 Energy
2 Progenitor of the human race
3 Wife of Abraham; mother of Isaac
4 Preposition
5 Idols
6 A Saint who suffered martyrdom
7 College degree
8 Country west of the Dead Sea; in which Bethlehem is situated
9 Head of the family of Arodites
10 Pronoun
13 Ells Scotch
16 King of Mycenae—leader of the Greeks against Troy
17 Faulty interpretation
20 South American river
22 River in New Jersey
23 River in Damascus whose waters make the country fertile
26 A word occurring seventy-one times in Psalms, and three times in Habakkuk: meaning is unknown
28 Serpent. (Rom. 3 : 13)
30 Month
31 Son of Noah
36 Roman urban official
37 Land of Edom—south of Moab
39 Vegetable eaten raw by Egyptians to protect against thirst
41 Raise
42 Vocal music
44 Galilean city, where a widow's son was raised from dead
45 African worm, which infests the eye
47 Peacock butterfly
49 Entangle
51 Preposition
52 Saints



FROM THE VALLEY

On June 8th we met at the beautiful home of David Zohn in West Hollywood. The surroundings lent themselves to a wonderful evening of entertainment provided by the Crescendos, followed by a sumptuous repast consisting of the culinary displays of various members.

David, Phil and Alan, as always, more than proved that they are a very talented group of young men destined to great things in the months to come. The music varied from songs in the lighter vein - to ballads of love - to the praise of God.

As an added bit to our gathering we celebrated the third anniversary of two of our members, Jon and Wayne. The secret was well kept, and they had no idea until their arrival that it was a combination parish meeting and anniversary party.

The crowning glory of our feast was the floral-shaped anniversary cake brought by Van and Dick, who, incidently were married in Las Vegas on May 30th by Jon who is an ordained Presbyterian minister. The entire group enjoyed the evening - and left going their separate ways with very full "tums-tums" and hearts filled with Christian love and brotherhood.

Present also were two special guests - Mr. Walter Craig "The Man of a Thousand Voices" and the Reverend Steve Goekee.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Shawn and Kathy's in North Hollywood on June 22. See the calendar in the MCC News.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Ron Hayes, a young man we have all come to love and admire.

Valley Parisn

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LAST SUNDAY

The return of the prodigal has been an important and dramatic theme in literature; and this last Sunday we had our own prodigal return. It was one of those special services where everything seemed perfect. Willie Smith looked fresh and even more enthusiastic than usual as he led us in the Singspiration. Some problems have occured in the past with accoustics but I didn't hear one single complaint this morning.

Deacon Bill Thorne opened the service with a reading from St.John followed by the ethereal sound of the Chancel Choir singing from the balcony in the outer auditorium. Rev. Ken Jones then led the opening prayer, followed by Assistant Pastor John Hose who welcomed all who had missed last Sunday's service, back again; he hoped we had a restful long weekend and told of the visitors we'd had from San Francisco, San Diego, Phoenix and Tucson. June 11th is Rev. Hose's birthday and also the birthday of Rev. Rodger Harrison, pastor of Christ Chapel MCC in Orange Co.

Rev. Lou Loynes then addressed us. Commenting on the profusion of four letter words in our contemporary society, he said he wanted to introduce us to yet another four letter word -- LOVE, and specifically, God's Love, which was the part of the scriptures he read this morning.

Assist. Pastor John Hose led us in the silent and pastoral prayer, saying: "...We stand in awe in your presence...We are surrounded by a world in which mankind seems bent upon its own destruction and sometimes forgets the great and boundless love you bestowed. If there is some lonely heart here today, yearning for comfort, help the person next to him to feel it and reach out with love and understanding."

Our Pastor then addressed us, saying that he enjoyed going to Hawaii to charter our former mission there, but missed his own congregation in L.A. He then introduced new visitors, among them some members of a bike club who were visiting for the first time; a man and woman who are members of a recording group; two young men (Al and Mike) visiting from East Boston; and Deacon Jack Olcott's mother. Various coming events were announced. Rev. Perry mentioned that Assistant Pastor John Hose had spoken before the Rotary Club in Palm Springs and had been well received.

The Choir sang today with such beautiful and rich harmony. Our own Holly was back, but Lori wasn't, so we still had only one single female voice in the choir to represent our vast female community. Rev. Perry mentioned that hymn books were badly needed for the new Hawaiian Church and the Denver, Colorado Mission, (which is to be chartered next week). The Northeast Parish announced that 10 hymn books had been ordered by them for the Denver Church. Deacon Bill Thorne announced that the Hollywood Parish would purchase forty hymnals for the new Hawaiian Church. (Note: Hymnals are also badly needed for the Louisiana Mission.)

Rev. Perry then delivered his sermon. Telling us the story of Cain and Abel, he arrived at the question which was his central point: Are we our brother's keeper? Our pastor gave an example (without using any name) of a member who was employed by a firm that supplies flowers to florists; this member was laid off, due to economic conditions, but harbored such resentment over his dismissal that he tried to hurt his former employer's business -- it's a gay-owned business and the owners are also members. Calling some of the company's customers, he told them the owners were members of MCC -- "You know,...the gay church."

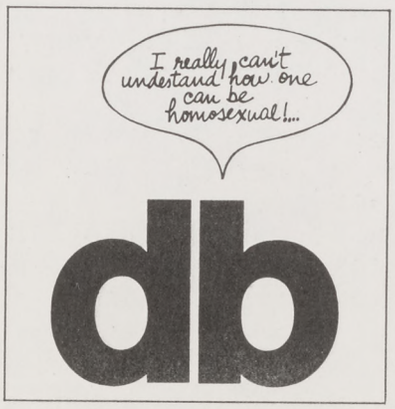
Pondering over this unchristian act he said this was a clear example of someone who was not his brother's keeper. "We may dislike people, but they are still our

brothers and sisters!" He then told of his first love which started to crumble after 6 months. Despondent, he felt no one cared and tried to end it all. Subsequently, at the hospital, a Negro woman -- seeing his despondency -- handed him a magazine, spoke kindly to our Pastor. "Don't you forget, God cares." She snapped him out of his depression. She didn't know him, but she was being her brother's keeper.

This being the first Sunday of the month, 16 new members were presented; there were 3 women and 13 men. Some familiar faces were Sally and Marge from the Couples Club, Joani from CIC (Rev. Perry said Joani had been active for so long he had thought she was already a member), and Ben Taylor from the Usher Committee.

Deputy Deacon John Logan was then ordained as a Deacon. Deaconess Vi Anderson and Deacons Tom Purcell, Jack Olcott, Dick Sommers, Bill Thorne all laid hands on John Logan while Rev. Perry read the Ordination Covenants. In an interesting departure from the usual Ordination ceremony, Rev. Perry asked each member of the congregation to lay a hand on the shoulder of the person in front of them while he read. Communion followed with Rev. Ken Jones assisted by the newly ordained Deacon John Logan, Rev. Loynes assisted by Bill Thorne, Rev. Perry assisted by Deacon Tom Purcell and Rev. Hose assisted by Deputy Deacon Ralph Parham.

Al Correa



"Wings Over Jordan" WOW!

Those of you who attented the wonderful service in song by the "Wings Over Jordan" Choir will certainly remember the solos ("Pray On" and "I Cried") by Juanita Manley. Well, she is also the Choir director of her Church, the "West Adams Foursquare Church" at 2614 S. La Brea, corner of Adams and La Brea.

Her Choir "The Evangels" and Ethel Taylor Lucky (a renowned singer who has worked with the Tom Skinner Crusade and has made Missionary tours to Jamaica) will be in Recital on Sunday, June 20th, 1971 at 4:00 P.M. at her church.

Juanita wrote me a letter to invite all the members of MCC to be there and be blessed in song by talented and dedicated people. She said she enjoyed singing for us and thanks everyone for the grand reception.

Editor

To Editor, TODAY

M.C.C. Newsletter
2201 South Union Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90007

Prof. Barry Dank, of the Sociology Dept. at CAL STATE Long Beach, and a Friend of M.C.C., will speak on "Coming Out in the Gay World" Sunday, June 13th at 7 p.m.

Gay Fellowship is sponsoring this and it is open to any male or female homosexual. Meeting place is the rented facilities of One, Inc. - 2256 West Venice Blvd. (upstairs), 1 block East of Western Ave. There will be no charge to attend; and a discussion period will follow.

(Jerry H. Shawhan - 845-5479 anytime)

THE NORTHEAST PARISH SPEAKS

by Al Correa

"THE CHRISTIAN AND PROMISCUITY"

The mark of an effective speaker and effective seminarian must certainly be to speak positively on a position of moral ethics that is difficult to defend.

At the June 8th meeting of the Northeast Parish, our speaker was Lark Johnston and his topic was "The Christian and Promiscuity". Having tolerant views of the habits of those around me, I expected to find little that I could relate to in Lark Johnston's views. Instead to my surprize, his points were so well presented that perhaps many of our readers might agree with most of his presentation.

After a thoughtful introduction, the term 'promiscuity' was defined as the "...irresponsible fulfillment of sexual lust". He proceeded to state that "..the harvest of sexual promiscuity is venereal disease." The mental consequences were described as a tendency to become inured to sex, making it a perfunctory act, instead of the fulfilling experience it should be.

Surprisingly, he then made it clear that promiscuity does not exist if you are capable of having love in your heart for those you have sex with. In other words, if you go out four nights in a row and meet someone each night whom you have sex with -- yet love is in your heart for each of them -- you are not violating moral ethics as a Christian, or practicing irresponsible sexual lust.

He submitted to us, however, that we might consider (as Christians) how we look to others, who might be looking to our behaviour for an example.

In conclusion, some of Lark Johnstons points were more liberal than I expected. Some were less flexible (such as his strong views against adultery). But all were presented with a sincerity and conviction that was difficult to doubt. He was not urging restraint among persons who are married, or anyone who approaches the act with his heart full of love for his or her partner.

Perhaps Lark Johnston will be invited by some of the other parishes to speak on this subject. A good discussion is sure to follow!

Other Northeast Parish news: Coordinator Jim Mason resigned tonight to work as Deputy Deacon of the Central Parish. Deacon Tom Purcell tentatively suggested that the Northeast Parish consider meeting monthly - Planning a social event one month and a discussion on alternate months. This would free parish members to support our Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings.

Our love and prayers go to our brother, Jim Mason, in his new undertaking. The next meeting will be June 22nd, 7:30 PM at Bob Hackman's house.

Al Correa

NEWS FROM THE HOLLYWOOD PARISH

This past Saturday June 5, the Hollywood Parish and friends met at the lovely home of Ray Aubrey and Al Ojeda for a pool party and Bar B-Q dinner. Everyone brought items of food and took turns cooking the hamburgers, hot dogs and steak on the grill.

Most of the people were there at 12:00 noon, except Jim Mason. It seems that he and a dog had a little accident. Jim said that the dog bit a hole in the seat of his pants, but he would not show any of us his wounds.

Another big splash was made by our Deacon Bill Thorne, when he jumped into the pool. For those of you who know Bill, you will then know approximately the size of the splash he made.

All of us had a great time playing pool volleyball, and making 3-man pyramids.

Our next parish function will be a beach party. Further details will be published later.

Jerry Angus
Secretary

BE IN SACRAMENTO ON JUNE 25

On June 25 you are going to have the opportunity to show that you want things changed. Be at the State Capitol and be counted. If we have enough support in favor of Law Reform, the legislators will listen. Many have already publicly given their support. Many more legislators will follow if they see that people really care enought to demonstrate about it.

This is going to be a peaceful demonstration. We need 10,000 people there. Let's show your colors! Things will change if we have the intestinal fortitude to demand our rights as citizens of this state. All the permits have been obtained. This is a legal demonstration. If you can't allow your face to be seen, then march in our special section with a mask on. If you don't want to have to live a double life, now is the time for you to do something about it!

John Hose is leading two groups from Los Angeles and San Diego on buses.It will only cost $13.50 for the round trip from Los Angeles to Sacramento. That is very cheap. Please call Kevin in the office and reserve your seat now. He will give you all the details.

Don't be a back slider. Join in now and help us all get our rights.

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"COMING OUT IN THE GAY WORLD"

For all of you who participated either by returning the questionaires or by direct interview, the results are in. In Vol. 34, May 1971 issue of PSYCHIATRY is an article titled "Coming Out in the Gay World" by Prof. Barry M. Dank.

It is a rather lengthy and highly technical article, but very well done. However, it is in a technical magazine and so, not for sale at bookstores or on news stands. Prof. Dank has proved that he is a true researcher and that this article proves he is completely unbiased.

JIM MASON APPOINTED SPECIAL DEPUTY DEACON

JIM MASON NAMED SPECIAL DEPUTY DEACON

I am proud to announce this week, the appointment of Jim Mason as a special Deputy Deacon to operate the South Central Parish. Jim has been the co-ordinator of the North East Parish this year, and I am sure that he is going to be missed by them. He is a hard working dedicated person and I am sure he will carry on the work in the South Central area with much gusto.

South Central is a large and strong area for the church and I am sure that many of you will want to get really involved with Jim in building a strong parish. I hope that you will call Jim at his home and offer him your assistance. His phone is 684-1792. Feel free to call him and get yourself involved.

Deacon Bill Thorne

DEACONESS IN NEED

We are very fortunate to have a very wonderful and beautiful person as a Deaconess in this church, Vi Anderson. Vi is our corresponding Deacon. She writes to our new members and those who live in the outlying areas who write us and need help or advice. She is very devoted to this church and to her work in it.

But Vi has a big problem. She doesn't drive. She wants to come to all the church functions that she can, but it seems that there aren't enough people who live in her area that can pick her up. If you are going to any church function, why don't you call her the day before and ask if you can pick her up? You would be doing Vi, your church, and yourself a great favor, and you would meet one of the truly beautiful children of God.

Vi's address is, 205 E. Hillcrest, Monrovia, Calif., phone: 358-7940. Get involved and God will Bless you for it.

Deacon Bill Thorne

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MEN!

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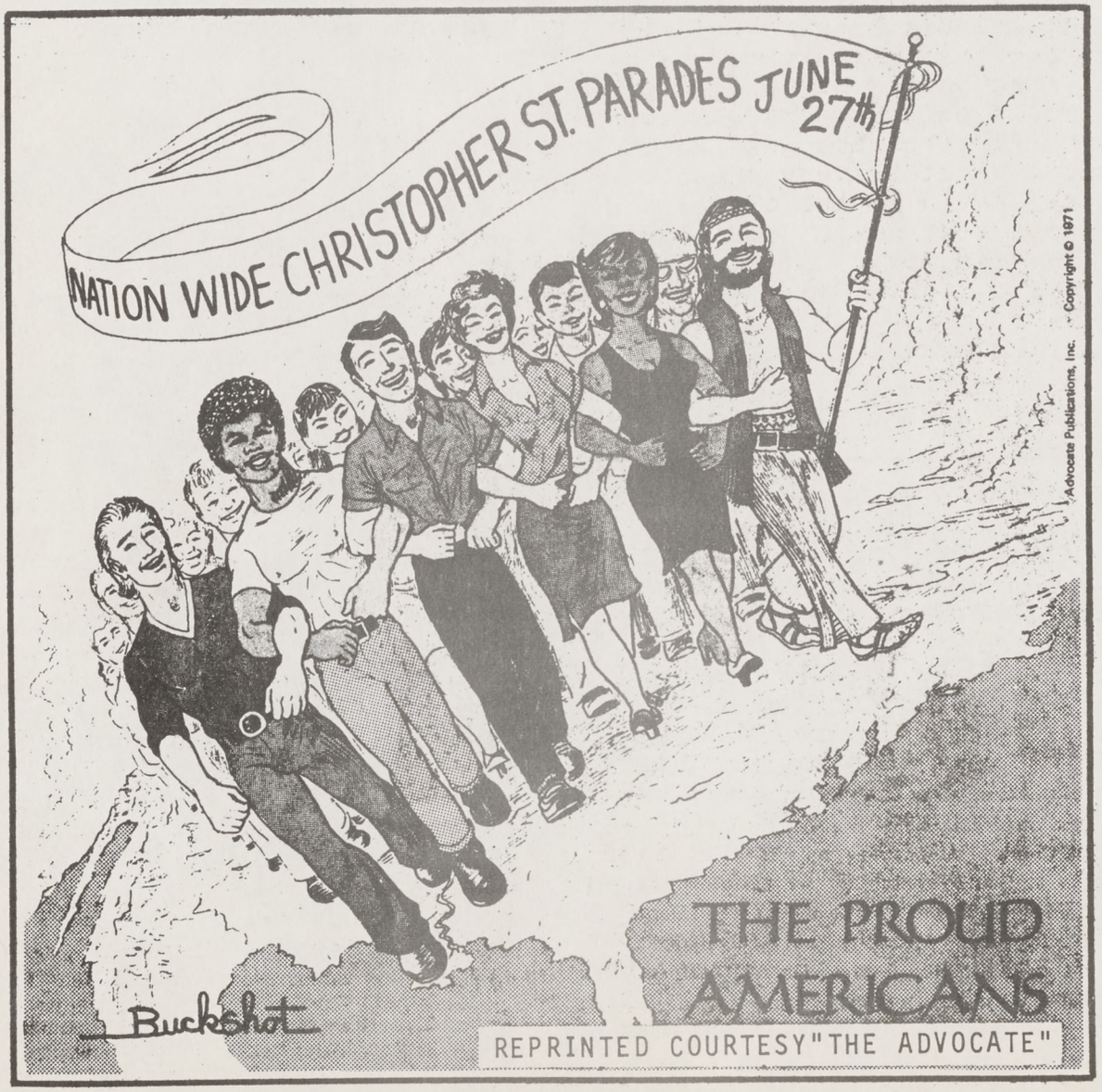
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